



Faith, Hope & Love

Midwinter Power in the Spirit 2025

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

5:30 PM	Zoom Rooms Open
5:45 PM	Welcome
5:50 PM	Biblical Storytelling
5:55 PM	Bible Study
6:25 PM	Workshops
7:05 PM	Evening Prayer



ALL OUR SPEAKERS

ABOUT OUR PRESENTATIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - LOVE



THE REV. WES SMITH
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WAYNESBORO
POWER IN THE SPIRIT COORDINATOR

BIBLE STUDY LEADER - JOHN 12:1-8 - MARY OF BETHANY: THE MANY WAYS OF BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

No follower of Jesus gives us more examples of love in action than Mary of Bethany. Her act of love in anointing Jesus prior to his death is regarded by both Mark and John as the preeminent act of love shown to Jesus. But in addition to her extravagant love, she is valued in the Gospels for the way she treasured God's Word and gave continued support to Jesus throughout his ministry. Although she is best known for showing love, Mary of Bethany demonstrates how it was possible to be a disciple of Jesus in reality, even if not by title. In so many ways, Mary of Bethany was a model then and today for what it means to love Jesus.

WORKSHOPS



DR. ERIC HILKER
ADVISING FELLOW AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

MAKING ROOM FOR NEIGHBORS: A WORKSHOP ON LOVING FOLKS ON THE MARGINS

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor..., but have not love, it profits me nothing." (1 Cor 13:3) If love requires more than donating to the poor, what does it actually mean to love our neighbors in need? Hospitality constitutes an essential feature of such love in both scripture and church history. More than simply supplying needs (as important as this is), hospitality makes room for outsiders in our churches, in our cities, and in our lives. In this workshop, we will spend time considering practices of hospitality in the Bible and in Christian history. We will then think together about what we can do to make room for outsiders in our own context.



THE REV. TERRIE STERNBERG
PULASKI

WORKING TOWARD BEING ANTI-RACIST

This workshop is both an invitation and a challenge! The invitation is to look within at our implicit biases regarding race with grace. The challenge is to explore ways in which we can - individually and institutionally - work toward becoming anti-racist and pro-reconciliation

